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96.00 Utility Accommodation
96.50 Construction Requirements
96.54 Cleanup and Restoration

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A. Work Site Cleanup

All debris, refuse, and waste resulting from the utility's activities shall be removed from the site and the motorists' view unless otherwise provided by the permit. Burning of cuttings, brush, or other debris shall not be permitted within the limits of the right-of-way.

All replaced poles shall be completely removed from the highway. No replaced pole shall be allowed to remain, in whole or in part, and it shall not be sawed off. The pole's hole shall be properly backfilled and compacted. All anchor rods shall be removed or cut off one foot below ground level.

B. Highway Restoration

The utility shall be responsible for restoring the highway and the adjacent right-of-way to its original (as close as possible) condition **within one week** after completion of the facility installation. Exceptions may be allowed (e.g. in the case of bad weather) with prior approval from the Department. Failure of the utility to make prompt and satisfactory restorations of the highway or adjacent right-of-way may cause the Department to arrange for restoration by others at the utility's expense.

Any curb, gutter, pavement, sidewalk, driveway, gravel base, ballast, shouldering material, or other highway element disturbed by the utility shall be restored to the qualities, grades, compactions, conditions, etc., in accordance with the Department's Standard Specifications for Highway and Structure Construction, current edition. Any subsequent heavings, settlings, or other faultings attributable to the permitted work shall be repaired in a manner satisfactory to the Department at the utility's expense. Appendix 96.95 shall be used as a guide for backfilling excavation operations.

Any turfed area of the highway disturbed by the utility shall be restored with topsoil having a depth of not less than 100 millimeters (four inches), and reseeded to perennial grass, or sodded to the satisfaction of the Department. Trees or vegetation which are damaged or destroyed shall be replaced in-kind unless specified in the utility's permit. Once replaced, the utility shall also maintain turfed areas, trees, and vegetation until they achieve sustained growth.

If, in the opinion of the Department, the permitted works or facilities are found to obstruct highway drainage, unduly increase the difficulty of highway maintenance, or in any other manner adversely affect a highway interest, the utility shall, upon notice, cure the fault as directed and restore the highway facility to the satisfaction of the Department.